

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the transportation policy plan for Washington promotes a positive quality of life by pursuing transportation alternatives that provide safe, reliable and convenient access to employment, education, recreation, cultural and social opportunities for all citizens in urban and rural environments; and

WHEREAS, single-occupancy vehicle usage is a major source of traffic congestion, air pollution and increased fuel consumption; and

WHEREAS, this congestion and air pollution impose costs on Washington's businesses, government agencies and individuals through lost time and diminished productivity; and

WHEREAS, the Commute Trip Reduction Law requires major employers and government agencies in counties with a population at or above 150,000 persons to develop and implement plans to reduce single-occupant vehicle commute trips; and

WHEREAS, commuter ridesharing through carpooling, vanpooling, mass transit, as well as bicycling, walking, telecommuting and compressed work weeks, reduces traffic congestion, thereby saving energy, enhancing air quality, reducing transportation costs and promoting economic opportunities;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gary Locke, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 14 through 18, 2002, as

Rideshare Week

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this observance.

Signed this 9th day of August, 2002

Governor Gary Locke

